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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in Lieberose, Neubrandenburg, and MagdeburgEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 20 August 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. At 0500 on 24 July 1954, 26 trucks with pontoons and engineer equipment were unloaded at the Lieberose railroad station from a train which arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. Motor vehicles were seen. The column marched toward Camp Lieberose.¹
2. At 1900 on 31 July, 8 T-34/85 tanks 4 x 57-mm AT guns, about 25 trucks and 8 boxcar-loads of personnel were entrained, according to an officer, for Eberswalde.²
3. At 0645 on 3 August, a truck occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets was seen en route toward Panzer Kaserne (2181) in Neubrandenburg for the first time after a prolonged period of interruption. No indications of an unloading were seen at the Neubrandenburg railroad station immediately after the observation of this truck. At about 1300, a column of 15 trucks with pontoons and soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets went in the same direction.
- On 6 August, the northern portion of Panzer Kaserne was fully lighted at dusk.³
4. At 1000 on 3 August, a shipment of 8 boxcars and 38 flatcars arrived at the Magdeburg-Brueckfeld railroad station from the direction of Biederitz. Unloading was completed in about 43 minutes. Unloaded material included: 8 new six-wheel amphibious vehicles of a new type, 22 trucks with TMP-pontoon sections, 6 trucks with beams and boards, 2 trucks with motor-boats, and 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The amphibious vehicles were 5 to 6 meters long, 2.4 meters wide and, without cover, 2 meters high and had a four-winged screw, a rhombic-shaped hull and a cover similar to that of a DUKV-353-type vehicle. The detrained unit left for Seeckt Kaserne (5287).

 Since, on 3 August, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, it was assumed that several shipments were detrained in Magdeburg during the preceding night. Prior to the unloading on 3 August, 24 six-wheel vehicles of a new type, about 50 trucks with TMP-pontoon sections, special trucks and equipment trucks were observed in the barracks yard at 0900. On 6 August,

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the installation appeared to be occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,600 soldiers wearing ~~black~~ black epaulets. In the evening, the installation was fully ~~lighted~~ lighting practice was carried out in the area west of the installation. ~~The~~ trunks were cut with two rip saws at Kleiner Anger. Motor vehicles

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[REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

5. On 3 August, 15 trucks, 15 ~~DIP~~ steel pontoons, and 1 crane truck were seen at the engineer equipment storage area in Zuckerbusch Kaserne (5288) in Magdeburg. 4

1. Comment. [REDACTED] units of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSG were detained. Since engineer units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army from Templin and of the 1st Mech Div from Doeberitz transferred to Lieberose on 25 July, and units of the abovementioned regiment moved there on 2 August, it is possible that special engineer exercises were to be conducted at this training ground.

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2. Comment. [REDACTED] the shipment which [REDACTED] involved units of the 7th Gds Mech Div. went to Frankfurt/Oder [REDACTED]

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3. Comment. According to observations on 2 August, the units of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army, which had been absent since early July, returned to Neubrandenburg on two trains on 2 August.

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4. Comment. It appears possible that, after 3 August, the bulk of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSG assembled at its winter quarters. Elements of the regiment returned to the post as early as 19 and 20 July. [REDACTED] Small elements of the regiment had been detained in Lieberose as late as 2 August. Comment 1. The information fails to furnish indications of a ~~new~~ transfer of the troops. Amphibious vehicles of a new type, ~~DDW-353~~ DDW-353-type vehicles, are reported for the first time. The area of Zuckerbusch Kaserne had already previously been utilized as storage area for engineer equipment.

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